

Week ending Friday, June 30, 2000

**Statement on Action To Prosecute  
for the Killing of United States  
Department of Agriculture  
Inspectors**

*June 23, 2000*

Today the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California filed a complaint charging an individual with the intentional killing of two U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors in the course of their duties. I want to commend Federal and local law enforcement for working so quickly to investigate and prosecute this important case. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the victims, their families, and the community during this difficult time.

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**Remarks at a California State  
Democratic Party Reception  
in Los Angeles, California**

*June 23, 2000*

**The President.** Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, before I start my speech, there's one other thing I want to say. There's somebody else here I want to introduce, and I want to ask to come up here.

When we nominated Al Gore—we haven't formally, yet, but when he got through the primaries—he's the only candidate in our party's history in a contested primary, including me, who went all the way through the primaries and didn't lose a single one. And I want to bring up Bill Daley's partner, Donna Brazile, our campaign manager for the Gore campaign. Come on up here, Donna. Thank you.

I thank Joe Andrew for his leadership. And I want to thank Terry McAuliffe for coming in here to help us get this convention financed and get it off to a good foot. It sounds

strange, but I'm grateful to Bill Daley for leaving my Cabinet—[*laughter*]—because he's going to lead the Vice President to victory. So I thank them all.

I want to say a couple of things about—first, I thank Art for reminding you that I kept my word—[*laughter*]—and I'm glad to be here. In 1995 a Presidential scholar named Thomas Patterson surveyed all the campaign commitments made by the last five Presidents and said by '95, I had already kept a higher percentage of my commitments than my five predecessors. And we've got a higher percentage now, thanks to you, and I thank you for that.

I would like to say just a few things to you. First, I am grateful that we are having this convention which will be, as you know, my farewell convention as President, in the State of California.

**Audience members.** Boo-o-o!

**The President.** I'm not going to shrivel up. I'll be around. [*Laughter*] But listen, I'm grateful that we're having this in California because so much of the texture of my campaign in '92—the energy, the ideals, the passion—was borne out of the inspiration I received from the pain and the faith, from the longing and the idealism that I saw in California in 1992, when we had a terrible economy, a profoundly divided society, and a level of political rhetoric that was making it worse.

And I asked you to give me a chance to turn it around. And starting with the California Democrats, you did. And you didn't give up on me. The day after I won the Democratic primary in California, they said, "How dumb are they? Clinton is in third place in the polls." There were all these people talking about the polls. They remember it. In June, I was in third place, at 25 percent. I've been buried more times than the undertaker's old suit. [*Laughter*] But you didn't quit because you had this idea that we could do something together to make a difference.